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SUBJECT: RELEASE OF "FOREIGN RELATIONS", 1950, VOLUME  
V, "THE NEAR EAST, SOUTH ASIA, AND AFRICA"

1. DEPARTMENT HAS HANDED ABOVE VOLUME TO REPORTERS, WITH  
STORIES EMBARGOED UNTIL OFFICIAL PUBLICATION BY  
GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE ON JULY 12. ALL DOCUMENTS  
INCLUDED, OF COURSE, HAVE BEEN DECLASSIFIED BY DEPARTMENT  
AND BY OTHER U.S. AGENCIES AS NECESSARY, AND DOCUMENTS  
OF FOREIGN ORIGIN HAVE BEEN CLEARED AS APPROPRIATE BY  
GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED. THESE HISTORICAL VOLUMES  
GENERALLY CARRY LOW PROFILE AMONG NON-SPECIALISTS AND  
RECEIVE LITTLE ATTENTION IN THE GENERAL PRESS, BUT  
FOLLOWING INFORMATION PROVIDED SHOULD NEED ARISE.

2. MATERIAL ON SYRIA DEALS PRINCIPALLY WITH: (A)  
DEVELOPMENT OF A PROGRAM OF TECHNICAL AND MILITARY  
ASSISTANCE TO SYRIA; (B) POLICY RE POSSIBLE SYRIAN-IRAQI  
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UNION; (C) ARAB-ISRAELI DISPUTE. TIMING OF RELEASE HAS  
NO SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE AND CERTAINLY NO BEARING ON  
PRESENT DAY SITUATION. SERIES DATES BACK TO 1861 AND  
RELEASE OF THIS VOLUME NOW IS DETERMINED ONLY BY  
DEPARTMENT'S DESIRE TO PUBLISH RECORD AS QUICKLY AS

POSSIBLE SUBJECT TO USUAL DELAYS ATTENDANT UPON

COMPILATION, DECLASSIFICATION, AND PUBLICATION. COPY OF  
VOLUME AVAILABLE BY AIRPOUCH FROM DEPARTMENT IF  
DESIRED. VANCE

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